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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Special Branch REGISTRATION
No. S. B. D. 2358.
Date May 12, 1931.
ate 12-5-31

Subject (in full)

Further Report in re Attached

Made by

D. S. Golder

Forwarded by

Henry Robertson C.P.I.

From the meagre information at hand regarding the landing of the light aeroplane on the race course on Monday, May 4, it would appear that Robert Short was apprehensive regarding the machine's safety in the Hungjao Aerodrome, and so at about 11.30 a.m. on that day went to the Hungjao Aerodrome with a view to bringing the machine to the Settlement. He apparently is known at the Aerodrome, therefore the soldiers on duty did not take much notice when he entered the hanger in which the plane was stored. From the reports on the matter, he is supposed to have tinkered with the plane for some minutes, then having got the engine running he ran the plane into the open, opened up the engine and took off. The soldiers stationed at the Aerodrome would have undoubtedly stopped him had they thought he was going to take the machine.

Enfold
D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Commissioner of Police,
Sir,

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18:5:31

J. L. Stevens

O/c Sp. Br.

12:5:31

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 12: 5: 1931.

To

S.I.,

Please explain,
if possible, how
short managed to
get possession of the
plane at the
Hungjao Aerodrome.

D.S. Golder

Please comply.

H.R. 12/31.

[Signature]

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

File No. _____
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
Special Branch No. 10
No. S. B. D. 2358
Date May 11, 1931
at 12-5-31

Subject (in full) Re Landing of Aeroplane on Race Course on

Monday, May 4, 1931.

Made by D. B. Golder

Forwarded by *Henry Robertson C.D.I.*

The machine which landed on the Race Course about noon on Monday, May 4, is a Kinner Fleet 2 seater 100 H.P. machine, which was flown from the Hungjao Aerodrome by Robert Short, residing at the Foreign Y.M.C.A.

The plane was sent out to China by the manufacturers, the "Consolidated Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo", New York. The machine was taken to Hanking where it was flown by Captain Schumaker, who was sent out here as a demonstration pilot, after leaving Hanking the plane was flown to the Hungjao Aerodrome where it was left pending a decision as to its disposal. In the meantime Captain Schumaker left for the States leaving the ship uncared for. It was Schumaker's intention to attempt the trans-Pacific flight and it is supposed that he has returned to the U.S.A. with intent to find a backer. Mr. Carl Mahmacher of 565 Avenue Foch hearing that the machine had been apparently abandoned on the Race Course went to Mr. Howard, the United States Trade Attache (Aviation) and informed him that as the representative of the Kinner interests in China, he, Carl Mahmacher, would place the ^{machine} ship in his garage on Avenue Foch pending the arrival of the owner, whose identity is at present not known.

The machine at present is stored in the Mahmacher Garage, Avenue Foch, where it will be held pending payment for the overhauling which is being done.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

Em J. J. J.
D. B. G.

Memorandum.POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai, 9:51 1936.

To

SI,

Please make
discreet inquiries
and submit a
short report.



D. B. Golder,

Please comply.

A.R. 11/21.

CHINESE SEEK PILOT OF U. S. PLANE

The plane was seen flying over the race course at the Hungjiao Aerodrome on Monday.

CRASHED DOWN MONDAY AT RACE COURSE

An aeroplane pilot, said to be an American, is in search of work with the Chinese authorities at the Hungjiao Aerodrome. Not only is he in disfavor, but the aerodrome officials would very much like to have a shot with him. His identity remains a puzzle to the Chinese, who although they believe they know who he is, are not absolutely certain.

The pilot is reported to be the one who was forced down at midday on Monday at the Race Course in a "Fleet" model plane owned by the Consolidated Aircraft Corporation of Buffalo, N. Y. The forced descent was due to a broken oil line.

It was revealed yesterday to a representative of "The Shanghai Times," that the plane had been left some time ago at the Hungjiao Aerodrome by Capt. Schumacher, the American aviator who announced his intention to fly the Pacific. Capt. Schumacher, it was stated, left the plane at the aerodrome on his departure for Japan. The latest information regarding him was that he had arrived in San Francisco on April 27.

The officials at the Hungjiao Aerodrome gave instructions that the plane was not to be flown without express permission. Shortly before noon on Monday, it is reported, a foreigner, dressed in mufti, was observed examining the plane.

The Chinese guards on duty paid little attention, even when the plane came to life with a roar, ran down the field for some distance and then climbed up in the

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CHINESE SEEK PILOT OF U. S. PLANE

(Continued from Page 1, Col. 5.) direction of Shanghai. Not until the plane was a mere speck in the sky did the officials realize what had happened.

The pilot landed just as quietly as he had departed and no sooner had his craft come to rest on the Race Course than he was out and away. No one appears to have paid any particular attention to him.

Mr. C. Nahmmacher, local garage owner and local agent for the Kinner motor, with which the plane is powered, received a telephone call on Monday informing him that a broken fuel line in the plane needed repairing. Who called him up he did not know, and is still in the dark.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Nahmmacher and a crew of employees were busily engaged in dismantling the plane, and about 2 p.m. had it towed to his garage for repairs. The local garage owner is puzzled as to who will eventually get the plane, and as to who the pilot was, but, as he said yesterday:

"Well, all I know is that the motor needs going over and the oil line needs repairing, and as the local agent for the Kinner motor, I'll see that this is done."

MP
9/5/-